

# Indiana Freedom Trails

*is a cohesive, diverse group working to  
locate, identify, verify, protect, preserve,  
and promote those Indiana sites and  
routes as a part of the National  
Underground Railroad network. We  
dedicate ourselves and our resources to  
the research, education, interpretation,  
and reverence of our Underground  
Railroad heritage for the benefit of  
future generations.*

*--Mission Statement*



## INDIANA FREEDOM TRAILS

invites you  
to help us  
preserve  
Indiana's  
Underground  
Railroad  
heritage.

## INTERESTED IN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HISTORY?

These texts are original research completed on the UGRR in Indiana and are available through the DHPA for only \$5.00 each. Contact the DHPA at 317/232-1646 to order your books today.

Maxine Brown, *The Role of Free Blacks in the Underground Railroad Activities of South Central Indiana* (2001).

Diane P. Coon, *Southeastern Indiana's Underground Railroad Routes and Operations* (2001).

Hurley Goodall, *The Invisible Road to Freedom Through Indiana as recorded by the Works Progress Administration Writers Project* (2001).

Marlene Lu, *Walkin' the Wabash: The Underground Railroad on the Wabash River and Wabash & Erie Canal in Western Indiana* (2001).

Angie Quinn, *The Underground Railroad in Allen County and Fort Wayne* (2001).

Freetown Village, eds. *Interpretive Stories Associated with the Underground Railroad in the Indianapolis Area* (2001).

Mills, Randy Ph.D., Mark Coomer, et al. *Underground Railroad Activity in Southwestern Indiana* (2001).

## Historical Background

The Underground Railroad was neither 'underground' nor a 'railroad.' Rather, it refers to the 19th century movement of enslaved African-Americans seeking freedom in the North, and the assistance they received on their journey. The network that developed united different people-- black and white, enslaved and free, Northern and Southern, ordinary and extraordinary-- in a common cause.

Established in 1998, **Indiana Freedom Trails** seeks information about Underground Railroad sites and routes throughout Indiana.

We invite you to share your knowledge and energy with us to identify, preserve, and honor the people and places that were dedicated to the freedom of a people.

To become involved, please contact your Indiana Freedom Trails representative listed on the back of this brochure or DNR-DHPA at 317/232-1646.



## WAYS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

### \*Hear About It!

The third annual Underground Railroad Summit will be held in South Bend, Indiana in August 13 - 14, 2004. The one-day conference will host speakers on Underground Railroad Sites in Indiana. For more information, contact the DHPA.

### \*Read about it!

The DHPA has several bibliographies for reading levels of all ages. Contact the DHPA to find books about the UGRR.

### \*Surf It!

The internet has hundreds of sites where you can learn more about the UGRR. Surf the net to see what you can find, or contact the DHPA to get a list of sites that have loads of information.

### \*Research It!

The DHPA and the regional coordinators are always looking for more volunteers to help locate sites, events, and people associated with the UGRR.

### \*See It!

To date, volunteer researchers have located over 300 sites in Indiana. Several of these sites are open to the general public for tours. Contact the DHPA for more information.